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## Church News

### AUGUST COLLECTIONS.

The Month of August is set apart by the General Assembly for Local Home Missions. All remittances should be sent to the Synodical or Presbyterian treasurers.

### FOREIGN MISSION DEBT FUND.

Previously reported, \$15,611.04; Mrs. R. L. Walker and daughter, Daisy, Graham, N. C., \$10; L. F. M. S. College Church, Hampden-Sidney, Va., addition, \$1; Mt. Zion L. M. S., Harmony Presbytery, S. C., addition, \$20; Rachael Peck Fulton Mission Society, Rivermont Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Va., addition, \$20.25; Miss Mary Louise Johnson, Chester, S. C., \$5; Hopewell Missionary Society, PeeDee Presbytery, S. C., addition, \$2.25; total, \$15,669.54.

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Petersburg, Va.

### FROM THE CONGO.

Leopoldville, Belgian, Congo: A further postponement has been made in the trial here of the two American missionaries, the Rev. Dr. W. M. Morrison and the Rev. W. H. Sheppard, on charges of libel. The hearing will now come up September 24. This suit against the missionaries is brought by one of the Congo concession companies that has a monopoly of rubber gathering in the Kasai region. It claims \$20,000 damages from each of the men for "calumnious denunciation." The circumstances are such that the suit is considered practically as brought by the Belgian government against the missionaries. The hearing was originally set for May 25, but was later postponed until the first week in August.

### ALABAMA.

Rev. C. H. Rogers, pastor of the church at Union was assisted in a meeting by Rev. D. J. Blackwell, of Eufaula. Nineteen persons were received into the membership upon profession of their faith in Christ.

First Church, Limestone: Rev. J. M. Stafford was recently assisted in a series of services by Rev. Francis Tappey, of Huntsville. A great blessing has resulted from this meeting.

Prattville: The congregation on August 1, voted to increase the salary of its pastor 50 per cent over that formerly reported and unanimously called, Rev. E. M. Craig, superintendent of Home Missions for East Alabama Presbytery to become its pastor.

Bethel Church has just closed a meeting in which Licentiate Herman Jones was assisted by Rev. E. M. Craig. The church was greatly encouraged and revived and fifteen young persons were received upon profession of faith. Of this number all except one were young men. Six were baptized.

### ARKANSAS.

Rev. J. W. Purcell was recently installed pastor of the Church at Monticello by a commission of Pine Bluff Presbytery. Rev. I. P. Osborne presided, Rev. B. E. Wallace preached the sermon, Rev. C. W. Johnson charged the pastor and Rev. J. F. Lawson the people.

Hope: All the churches of this place have suspended the Sunday night services in their churches and worship together in a large cotton shed. The pastor of the different churches do the preaching. The Presbyterian Church has given its pastor, Rev. C. C. Williams, D. D., a vacation during the month of August.

Hamburg: Rev. J. W. Moseley, Sr., of Hamburg, has been preaching at the Church at Johnsville for eighteen years and still continues his services. Some time in July he invited Rev. B. E. Wallace, the evangelist, to come and hold a meeting. On Friday night before the first Sunday in August he began the meeting and carried it on with great satisfaction to the people and pastor. There were two additions on profession of faith and doubtless would have been more could the meeting have been protracted, but pressure of previous engagements compelled Brother Wallace to close Monday night. The people would be delighted to have him back again.

Hammond: On the evening of August 5, Rev. Dr. J. C. Barr, acting under evangelistic authority from the Presbytery of New Orleans, organized a promising church at Hammond. A few days' preaching services preceded the organization. Fifteen members were enrolled, while there are about as many more who will probably come into the organization as soon as their letters can be had. One ruling elder and one deacon were elected. Hammond is a large and prosperous community and the need for a church of our faith has long been felt.

### GEORGIA.

Atlanta, West End Church: Rev. R. L. Bell, of Union Springs, Ala., preached in this church on Sunday August 8. The pastor, Rev. L. R. Walker, is spending his vacation in North Carolina.

—Inman Park Church: In the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Ficklen, who is spending the month of August on the coast of Maine, the pulpit has been supplied by Rev. S. W. DuBose, of Cuthbert, and Mr. O'Kelly, secretary of the First church.

—Wallace Church: Notwithstanding the inclement day, Sunday, the congregation was unusually good and one person made a profession of faith. The pastor, Rev. J. D. Keith, leaves on Thursday to assist Rev. L. B. Field, of Conyers, in a ten days' meeting.

Bethany Church, Atlanta Presbytery: The six days' meeting that has just closed brought a gracious blessing to this church. The congregation had been prepared for such a blessing through the earnest work of Rev. J. E. Hemphill. The preaching was done by Rev. Joseph Hannah, of Newnan. The Holy Spirit has certainly spoken to us through his servant. Never in the history of Bethany Church, so far as we know, has there been a season where the Spirit's power was more plainly manifested than in this meeting. A notable event of the meeting was a service held for the young people in which some fifteen young men and women publicly consecrated the services of their lives to God's work. There was one addition to the church. The prayers of Bethany people go with Mr. Hannah and Mr. Hemphill as they return, the one to his pastoral duties, the other to his work as a student in the seminary. We lift our hearts in thanksgiving to the Lord for this gracious revival.

### KENTUCKY.

Lebanon: Rev. Dr. Cowan preached at this church for a week. Owing to excessive rains the country people were behind with their work so the meeting was not largely attended. Those who were able to attend received a blessing. Two little girls were received upon profession of their faith.

Crittenden: Rev. J. C. Cowan, D. D., of Augusta, has been assisting Mr. H. H. Orr, of Central University, who has been applying this field for the summer, in a meeting. Services were held every night for twelve days and Dr. Cowan presented the gospel plainly and forcefully. As a result, three came out on the Lord's side and cast their lot with this church. God's people were strengthened and encouraged. It is the hope that this is but the beginning of better days for this part of Zion.

### LOUISIANA.

New Orleans: Rev. Jacob Meier, of the Second German Presbyterian Church, has tendered his resignation as pastor of that church. The congregation has been called to consider the same on the third Sunday of this month.

New Orleans: The First Church has received from Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Cornelison, of Nashville, Tenn., notice of his acceptance of its call. He will enter upon the new work as soon as the necessary steps have been taken in the Presbyteries. New Orleans Presbytery is called to meet on Saturday of this week.

Dr. Juan Salvador Orts y Gonzales, a former Franciscan monk, was baptized into the Lafayette Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 1, with the usual ceremonies and after taking the usual vows.